

## Great News from Lymerick in IRELAND.

A full and true Account of the State and Siege of that City, by His Majesties Forces, commanded by Count Solms, and Lieutenant General Douglas. With a particular Relation of the Surrendring of Cork and Youghall, by the IRISH.

**T**Heir Majesties Armies in Ireland, as well that under the Command of Lieutenant General Douglas, as that Commanded by the Gen. the Count de Solmes, have been forced to make very slow marches, in their way to Lymerick, on the account of their Cannon, and heavy Baggage; they seldom marching above eight or nine miles a day. On the 30th. past, Lieutenant General Douglas joyned his Army with the Count de Solmes, at a place called Goallen-Bridge, after which they immediatly marched in two Lines to Limerick; on their approach, near the Town, the Lord Tyrconnel, with his numerous Rable Irish Army, retired from about Limerick, further into the Countrey. Our Forces were very busie in disposing all things for a Regular Siege, in order to which, they have brought with them in Waggons, Engines made in Holland, to make a Bridge of Boats over the Shannon. His Majesty is hourly expected in the Camp, upon whose Arrival we shall immediatly begin a regular Siege, if they deliver not on Summons. The Garison consists of three thousand French Infantry, and some few Troops of Horse: The Priests have been very diligent, both here, and in most other Garisons, in their endeavours to hearten the Enemy, deluding them with the Stories, that the French have Landed Fifty thousand men in England, that the Protestants have joyned with them, that we are all in confusion, that King James is Landed with them, and that there will be speedy Relief come to Ireland from France, &c. The St. Malloe Frigats, with the Privateers, and Merchantmen, or Traders, that were in Cork, Kinsale, Waterford &c. have been all ordered round to the River of Limerick, most of which are sailed in already; by which it is plain, That the endeavouring to keep this City is the last Game they design to play, which when they are beaten from, they will quit all further Hopes or Preterfions to Ireland; these Ships being certainly designed to bring off the Gentry and chief Officers, with their bag and Baggage, &c. We have an account that the City of Cork, and Town of Youghall, are quit- ted by the Enemy, having first plundered most of the Inhabitants.

This City is the biggest in Ireland, except Dublin; its Haven lies on the West-side of Ireland, and South of Galway; it divideth the Province of Connaught from Munster, being of a very great length, no less than sixty miles; for so far it is from the mouth of the Haven to the City of Limerick, and yet Men of War may ly under the Cannon of the Walls of the City. The River Shannon of this great depth so encompasseth it round, that it makes the City a perfect Island: Here is a very strong Wall, on which are several Bastions, also a good Castle, and Stone Bridge, viz. King's Castle and Thomond-Bridge, Pieces formerly of very great strength and beauty; but very antient, after the old way of Fortification, being of the Foundation of K. John; but the late King has made some small additional Fortifications, as Pallisadoes, Ravelins, &c. according to the modern way; this City being all along, ever since K. James's first coming to Ireland, designed the last place of Refuge for the Rebels to have retreat to.

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